May 17, 2007

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.

President of the Senate State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 304 - State Retirement and Pension System - Military Service that Interrupts State Service - Calculation.

This bill provides that when military service interrupts State service, members of a state or local retirement or pension system receive specified service credit applied toward their retirement allowance using the accrual rate in effect at the time of the member's retirement from the State system.

House Bill 1406, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 304.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley Governor